

## **Department of Criminal Justice Training**

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## **NEWS ADVISORY**

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## JESSAMINE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF SPEAKS AT GRADUATION

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Jessamine County Deputy Sheriff Sammy Brown, who was shot while attempting to serve a warrant with two other deputies in November 2001, told the 24 graduating officers of Basic Training Class 322 on Friday that they should always be prepared for what they could encounter on the job.

"A routine call is not always a routine call," Brown told Class 322.

The officer said he remembered that lesson and the others he received during his 16 weeks of basic training, and that they served him that Nov. 13 morning, when a call that would have been considered routine turned deadly.

Brown, Capt. Chuck Morgan, 51, and Deputy Billy Ray Walls, 28, were attempting to serve an arrest warrant on Phillip Walker, 75, at his drydocked houseboat near the Kentucky River. The warrant was for terroristic threatening, a misdemeanor.

Walker shot the men, fatally wounding Morgan and Walls and hitting Brown in the head, shoulder and hip.

The officer, who had only been on the job for six months, said his 16 weeks of training at the Department of Criminal Justice Training "took over" at that point.

Brown shot back at Walker, eventually killing him, and then managed to alert Sheriff Joe Walker that the two deputies had been shot, and move his cruiser onto the Jessamine County road so responding units could locate the scene more easily.

Brown was taken to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center, where he said more than 200 police officers from in and outside of Kentucky visited him that night. That's an example of the bond between peace officers, Brown said.

"You've all been adopted by a family today," he told the graduating officers. "I'd like to welcome you guys to that family."

Brown also asked the new officers to continue their law enforcement training beyond basic.

## Class 322 graduates and their agencies are:

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